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SUBJ: 55TH ECOSOC: ITEM 14-MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS

1. ECOSOC PLENARY AUGUST 8 ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS DRAFT DECISION
TAKING NOTE OF THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SYG (E/5381) REGARDING
APPOINTMENT TO THE GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS STUDYING THE IMPACT
OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

2. UK REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT OBJECT TO CONSENSUS ADOPTION BUT
DID WISH TO RECORD THAT THE COMMITTEE DECISION MAY NOT HAVE BEEN
UNANIMOUS, EVEN THOUGH NO OBJECTIONS WERE RAISED, SINCE MANY DELS
DID NOT WISH TO ENTER INTO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF MNCS AT
THIS SESSION. HIS DELEGATION WILL PROVIDE THEIR COMMENTS AFTER
GROUP'S REPORT HAS BEEN ISSUED. HE ALSO OBJECTED TO THE
CHARACTERIZATION OF MNCS AS "HARMFUL" AND "NEGATIVE" AS
INCORRECT TERMS IN REFERENCE TO THE ORIGINAL MNC RESOLUTION.

3. KENYAN REP (ODERO-JOWI) ASKED THAT REPORT ON PERMANENT
SOVEREIGNTY BE PREPARED FOR COUNCIL STUDY AT THE SAME TIME
AS MNC REPORT AS THERE IS CERTAIN INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN
TWO TOPICS.

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4. CHILE (SANTA CRUZ), SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO UK, SAID HE WOULD

BE THE LAST PERSON TO DISTORT TERMS OF REFERENCE OF ECOSOC RES. 1721 AND THAT UK MISINTERPRETED HIS REMARKS. WHAT HE MEANT, HE CONTINUED, WAS THAT HE FEARED THE GROUP IN ITS WORK MIGHT CONCENTRATE ONLY ON ONE ASPECT, I.E., EFFECT OF MNC ON LDCS WITHOUT GIVING ATTENTION TO ANOTHER, EQUALLY IMPORTANT ASPECT, IMPACT OF MNC ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. CHILEAN GOVT CONSIDERS THAT THESE MNCS HAVE "CRIMINAL INFLUENCE" IN LATTER AREA.

5. USSR (MAKEEV) STATED COMPOSITION OF GROUP SHOULD INCLUDE ONE EXPERT FROM SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

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